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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Examiner : Bruck Kifle
Group : 1624 Confirmation No.: 4312
Applicants : Mark J. Batchelor et al.
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New York, New York
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Hon. Commissioner
for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This responds to the August 29, 2003 Restriction Requirement in the above-identified application. Applicants have petitioned concurrently herewith to extend the period for responding to that action for three (3) months, from September 29, 2003 up to and including December 29, 2003, and have paid the fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136(a) and 1.17(a)(3).

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